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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on October 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): at page 2 of the response, Applicant indicates that it is understood that claims 14-18 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment, and that claims 1-13 and 19-20 remain in the application. Applicant's response is not fully responsive to the statement at page 2 of the restriction requirement mailed July 18, 2003, which indicated that the preliminary amendment of May 3, 2001 had been entered-in-part, that the amendment to page 1 of the specification was not entered because it did not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b) in that no clean copy of the amended paragraph was submitted, and that the amendments to the claims were not entered, since the amendments referred to claims 1-23, while only claims 1-20 were present as originally filed. In order to be fully responsive, Applicant may elect to prosecute a group of invention directed to the claims as originally filed, or alternatively, Applicant may elect to prosecute a group of invention directed to amended claims by submitting a supplemental amendment with the election. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Remarks

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia Collins whose telephone number is (703) 605-1210.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:45 AM -5:15 PM.

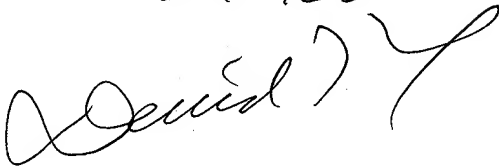
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson can be reached on (703) 306-3218. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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December 16, 2003

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David T. Fox", is written over the printed name and group number.